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Georgia Teachers Honored by Industry-Supported Organization for Exceptional Performance in the Classroom

Suwanee, GA—August 4, 2009—Three Georgia construction teachers and one architectural drawing and design teacher, all leaders in the field of career-technical education, were honored by the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia during the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Educators conference on July 21, 2009.

Awards were given to the following teachers:

Instructor of the Year – Construction/Metals/HVACR

Jim Steel, Lee County 9th Grade Academy, Leesburg: Mr. Steel, a construction teacher, works with freshmen interested in the construction or metals career pathway. He achieved CEFGA industry accreditation for his construction program earlier this year. Mr. Steel received OSHA 500 training through CEFGA earlier this year and is authorized to teach his students the OSHA 10-hour construction safety and health course.

Instructor of the Year – Architectural Drawing and Design

Connie Highnote, Chapel Hill High School, Douglasville: Ms. Highnote, an architectural drawing and design teacher, is also the career-tech department chair at Chapel Hill High School. Ms. Highnote currently has an ADDA certified program. She has also worked to support improve AD&D instruction by serving on curriculum development and revision teams.

Most Modules Reported

Tony Shore, Maxwell High School of Technology, Lawrenceville: Mr. Shore, a construction teacher, reported the most Contren modules per capita. Mr. Shore's construction program has held industry accreditation since 2001. The Contren curriculum is the industry standard in training and education, and teachers who report Contren modules on behalf of their students give these students a portable credential issued by the National Center for Construction Education and Research to take to a jobsite, technical college or four-year university. Mr. Shore reported, on average, over 8 module completions per student during the 2008-2009 school year.

CEFGA Ambassador

Dean Cutler, East Laurens High School, Dublin: Mr. Cutler, a construction teacher, was named CEFGA Ambassador for his tireless work promoting CEFGA's activities among his fellow educators and his local trade professionals. Mr. Cutler also achieved CEFGA industry accreditation in 2009.

CEFGA administers the industry accreditation program, a summer internship program, Georgia's SkillsUSA contests in construction and metals and the nation's largest construction career expo.

CEFGA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting careers in construction and addressing the industry's skilled worker shortage. CEFGA's mission is to attract, train and motivate the next generation of construction professionals - designers, builders and managers. We do this by bringing the construction industry to students and students to the construction industry.

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